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I. Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended): A receiving part [(2)] of a fluid plug-in coupling, comprising a socket housing [(10)] having a plug-in opening [(12)] for a plug part [(4)] and having a retaining device [(14)] for releasably fixing ~~a the plugged-in plug part [(4)] in a secured position place~~, the retaining device [(14)] having a retaining element [(16)] which is mounted in the socket housing [(10)] and has radially elastically deformable retaining sections [(18)] for latching engagement behind a radial retaining step [(6)] of the plug part [(4)] in the secured position, and a release element [(20)] which that is secured in an axially displaceable manner relative to the socket housing [(10)] via latching means [(22)], the release element [(20)] engaging by means of an inner release section [(24)] in the plug-in opening [(12)] ~~and, for release purposes, acting against the retaining sections [(18)] of the retaining element [(16)], which comprises the retaining sections being selectively coupled with~~ a securing element [(26)] in such a manner that the release element [(20)] is blocked in ~~a securing the secured position against preventing~~ a release movement and is unblocked in an unblocking unblocked position for permitting a release movement.

2. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the securing element [(26)] and the release element [(20)] are rotatably moveable relative to each other about a coupling axis between the securing secured position and the unblocking unblocked position, ~~in particular are rotatable about the coupling axis (28).~~

3. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim ~~1~~ or 2, wherein the release section [(24)] of the release element [(20)] is ~~designed as a~~ hollow cylindrical inner sleeve and the securing element [(26)] is ~~designed as a ring~~ coaxially surrounding the inner sleeve.

4. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the release element [(20)] has at least one securing projection [(30)] which that rests on an end surface [(32)] of the securing element [(26)] in the

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securing secured position ~~[[,]]~~ and can be guided axially through a corresponding recess ~~[[(34)]]~~ of the securing element ~~[[(26)]]~~ in the unblocking ~~unblocked~~ position.

5. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 4, wherein the end surface ~~[[(32)]]~~ of the securing element ~~[[(26)]]~~ has a wavy contour in the direction of rotation ~~[[in]]~~ such ~~a manner~~ that a bearing region for the securing projection ~~[[(30)]]~~ is formed in each case ~~in the region of adjacent to~~ an axially recessed wave trough ~~[[(36)]]~~ and the recess for passing through the securing projection ~~(30) through~~ is formed in each case in the region of an axially raised wave crest ~~[[(38)]]~~.

6. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the securing element ~~[[(26)]]~~ ~~is connected, in particular in a rotationally fixed manner, preferably latched [[,]] to the socket housing [[(10)]]~~.

7. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the release element ~~[[(20)]]~~ is indirectly secured in the socket housing ~~(10) via by at least one of the retaining element [[(16)]]~~ and/or ~~via and~~ the securing element ~~[[(26)]]~~.

8. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 7, wherein the retaining element ~~[[(16)]]~~ has at least one radial retaining arm ~~[[(44)]]~~ which engages ~~is received~~ in a retaining groove ~~[[(46)]]~~ formed on the outer circumference of the inner sleeve ~~[[(24)]]~~.

9. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the release element ~~[[(20)]]~~ is acted upon by a spring force ~~[[(F)]]~~ ~~which that~~ acts axially in ~~[[the]]~~ a release-actuating direction.

10. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 9, wherein the release element ~~[[(20)]]~~ has at least two axial retaining arms ~~[[(60)]]~~ which are resilient in the radial direction and, with outer, cone-like oblique surfaces ~~[[(68)]]~~.

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interact radially with an inner bearing surface [(66)] of the securing element [(26)] to produce the axial spring force [(F)].

11. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 10, wherein the bearing surface [(66)] is part of a radially inwardly pointing annular collar [(64)] of the securing element [(26)], end sides of the retaining arms [(60)] of the release element [(20)] preferably having latching lugs (62) on the end sides for securing preventing the release element [(20)] against from being pulled out, by bearing against the annular collar [(64)].

12. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one of claims 1 to 11, which comprises further comprising an integrated blocking valve [(50)] which automatically closes in [(the)] a decoupled state and is opened by the plug part [(4)] being in a plugged in state.

13. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 12, wherein the blocking valve (50) has includes a moveable valve element [(52)] with a bearing section [(54)] for the plug part [(4)].

14. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 13, wherein the bearing section [(54)] is formed and guided within the socket housing [(10)] for the purpose of guiding the plug part [(4)].

15. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 13 or 14, wherein the bearing section [(54)] is of essentially hollow cylindrical design and has an expanded holder [(56)] for a free end region of the plug part [(4)].

16. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 13, wherein the valve element [(52)] interacts in its closed position with a sealing arrangement [(70)] which is also provided for sealing the plugged-in plug part [(4)].